

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Gordon Vance, on January 28, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 455  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Gordon Vance, Chair (R)  
Rep. Lee Randall, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Carolyn Squires, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Tom Berry (R)  
Rep. Edward Greef (R)  
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)  
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)  
Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R)  
Rep. Diane Sands (D)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** Rep. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)  
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)

**Staff Present:** Stephanie Fletcher, Committee Secretary  
Megan Moore, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 251, 1/28/2011; HB 252, 1/28/2011; HB 254, 1/28/2011; HB 302, 1/28/2011

**HEARING ON HB 302**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:45 Rep. Janna Taylor (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 302, Require driver's license test in English only.

**EXHIBIT(trh22a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:51 Paul Nachman, self

00:07:25 Lisa Wamsley, self

00:08:29 Alan Wright, Lewis and Clark Conservative Tea Party

00:09:47 Chairman Vance

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:10:02 Shahid Haque-Hausrath

00:12:54 Sarah Rossi, Montana Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, MCADSV

00:15:29 Jorge Quintana

**EXHIBIT(trh22a02)**

00:19:09 Jamie Greer, Human Rights Network

00:20:18 Alan Hansen, self

00:21:44 Megan Wilkie, self

00:22:21 Chairman Vance

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:22:37 Rep. Squires

00:25:06 Alan Hansen

00:26:00 Rep. Squires

00:26:05 Rep. Arntzen

00:26:46 Alan Hansen

00:27:59 Rep. Lavin

00:28:47 Jorge Quintana

00:30:42 Rep. Lavin

00:31:30 Jorge Quintana

00:32:17 Chairman Vance

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:32:24 Rep. Janna Taylor

00:32:43 Rep. Arntzen returned.

00:34:06 Chairman Vance

**HEARING ON HB 251**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:34:16 Rep. Brian Hoven (R), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 251, Eliminate requirement for a rear flagger on oversized loads.

**EXHIBIT(trh22a03)**

00:34:52 Rep. Sands left the room.

00:37:15 Rep. Sands returned.

00:43:11 Chairman Vance

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:43:16 Brad Griffin, Montana Equipment Dealers Association

00:44:21 Chairman Vance

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:44:32 Bob Gilbert, Montana School Bus Contractors Association

**Informational Testimony:**

00:48:07 Director Jim Lynch, Montana Department of Transportation

00:50:25 Chairman Vance

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:50:33 Rep. O'Neil

00:51:11 Director Lynch

00:51:16 Rep. Lavin

00:51:34 Director Lynch

00:51:49 Rep. Smith

00:52:46 Director Lynch

00:52:57 Rep. Smith

00:53:09 Director Lynch

00:53:17 Chairman Vance

00:53:21 Rep. Berry

00:53:36 Director Lynch

00:54:15 Rep. Berry

00:54:27 Director Lynch

00:55:27 Chairman Vance

00:55:33 Rep. O'Neil

00:55:55 Rep. Hoven

00:56:43 Chairman Vance

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:56:55 Rep. Hoven

00:58:58 Chairman Vance

**HEARING ON HB 252**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:59:08 Rep. Brian Hoven (R), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 252, Prohibit dept. of transportation from recovering indirect costs for fed grants.

01:00:13 Chairman Vance

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:00:19 Lyn Hellegaard, Montana Transit Association, Missoula Rivalry/County

01:03:10 Chairman Vance

01:03:16 Jim Helgeson, General Manager, Great Falls Transit, Montana Transit Association

01:05:37 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services, Black Eagle

01:07:37 Chairman Vance

01:07:43 Travis Hoffman, Montana for Independent Living Centers

01:09:03 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties

01:10:13 Alec Hansen, League of Cities & Towns

01:10:30 Chairman Vance

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:10:40 Director Lynch

01:18:47 Chairman Vance

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:18:56 Rep. Smith

01:19:13 Director Lynch

01:19:43 Rep. Smith

01:19:49 Director Lynch

01:20:11 Chairman Vance

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:20:18 Rep. Hoven

01:20:50 Rep. Randall

**HEARING ON HB 254**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:21:01 Rep. Gordon Vance (R), HD 67, opened the hearing on HB 254, Revising motor club service laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:22:57 John MacDonald, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers  
01:25:45 Rep. Randall  
01:25:49 Mary Beveridge, Helena Motors Dealership  
01:26:29 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealers Association  
01:28:28 Mona Jamison, General Motors Company  
01:30:41 Rep. Randall

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:31:00 Rep. Vance

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:31:28      Rep. Randall adjourned the meeting.

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Stephanie Fletcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([trh22aad.pdf](#))